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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Chang et al.

Serial No.: 10/724,897 **Group Art Unit:** 2168

Filed: December 2, 2003 **Examiner:** Pham, Hung Q.

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INDEXING, SEARCHING, AND RETRIEVING
SEMANTIC OBJECTS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313 – 1450
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 14, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-6, 8-19, 21-31, and 33-38 are all the claims presently pending in the application. The independent claims are amended to clarify that the semantic objects are already identified, as the Examiner seemingly requests in the latest rejection, and to eliminate the final limitation, since that final limitation adds nothing substantive to the fundamental definition of the present invention.